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One Last Appeal

By DR. JOHN E. BARNES, JR.
President,
Mississippi Baptist Convention

This month is the "home stretch" of our Co-operative program gifts. The convention year ends October 31.

By the last day of September \$1,220,886.68 had been received toward our \$1,500,000 Cooperative Program goal. In these eleven



months, we have already given about \$19,000 more than was given in twelve months last year. In spite of this, we are still almost \$280,000 short of our goal.

During September \$149,696.40 was given through the Co-operative Program. This is \$20,000 more than has ever been given before in any single month.

Help Our Colleges

After the receipts each \$1,250,000 the next \$150,000 will go entirely to the capital needs of our four Baptist Colleges in Mississippi. We need to undergird our colleges with our financial support. A dollar for the Co-operative Program this month means a dollar for Christian Education in Mississippi! Let's do it the big way!

The last \$100,000 of this \$1,500,000 goal will be divided between south-wide and world-wide missions and Endowment for our Mississippi Baptist Colleges. Every dollar counts for Christian Education and Missions.

An Extra Appeal

1. Church treasurers are asked to check their books and be sure all Co-operative program money is sent in this month.

2. Churches that send monthly gifts through the Co-operative program are asked to send additional amounts from their general funds—wherever possible.

3. Churches that do not send gifts each month may want to take a supplementary offering

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Mississippi Leads SBC In Youth Week Observance

Mississippi leads the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of Youth Weeks reported according to a tabulation released jointly by Dr. Warren F. Jones, Jr., Director of Young People's work for the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board and Mr. Versil S. Crenshaw, director of Intermediate work with the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board.

This tabulation reveals that as of September 22, 124 Youth Week reports had been received by the Training Union Department which was 52 more than the second place state.

Last year 65 Youth Weeks were reported in Mississippi. The goal for 1953-54 which was set by the staff of the Training Union Department was 97 which represented an increase of 50 per cent over last year.

The promotion of Youth Week observance in the state has been under the direction of Miss Louise Hill, an Associate in the Training Union Department.

The leading 4 states with the number of reports sent in to the Training Union Department are listed as follows:

Mississippi, 144; Tennessee, 92; Alabama, 71; Florida, 65.

Advance In World Evangelism Must Be Total Advance

By DR. H. GUY MOORE

Communism has its eyes on the whole world. Its ideology lays claim to the total man—mind, body, and soul. World evangelism in the name of Christ can do no less.

In a recent article by the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on World Evangelism, we set forth the brief history back of its appointment and the urgency of its task. Your committee recognizes at once that its task embraces the full ministry of Christ for the whole man and the whole world. Advance must be, indeed, total advance.

What channel do we have as Southern Baptists through which we can make that total impact? Where can I give knowing that my gifts go to evangelize, teach, heal, train, educate? Do not let an old name lose its dynamic meaning. When we understand its vital content, its comprehensive purpose it is what we have chosen to call The Cooperative Program!

It has revolutionized Southern Baptist stewardship history in the past twenty-five years. It has been the sustaining life line of our united and total missionary program. The amazing thing is that we have to

September Co-Op Receipts Soar To \$149,696.40 For New Record

Receipts Through September Total \$1,220,886.68

TO ALL CLERKS OF ASSOCIATIONS:

Immediately upon receiving your 1954 minutes from the printers, be certain to send a copy to the Baptist Record. It helps us with our records and also helps us give information. Quite often we are called upon for information about various churches. Our greatest source of information is the minutes.

A Catechism Of Bible Teaching

By DR. JOHN A. BROADUS
Lesson VIII, Regeneration.

1. What is meant by the word regeneration? Regeneration is God's causing a person to be born again.

2. Are such persons literally born a second time? No, the regenerated are inwardly changed as if they were born over again.

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Graham Association Gets 'Conscience Money'

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS) — "Conscience money" continues to come to the international headquarters of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association here.

Usually it is earmarked for the internal revenue department by persons who say they cheated on their income tax returns before religious experiences convinced them of the error of their ways.

Letters recently received at the Graham headquarters contained money from persons who said they had defrauded two insurance companies. One convert sent \$52 for the Banker's Life Insurance Co. of Chicago, and another \$500 for the Travelers' Insurance Co.

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Big Calif. Church Switches To SBC

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif. — The 1,500-member First Baptist Church of Huntington Park has transferred its affiliation from the American Baptist Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention.

This gives the Southern Baptists who first moved into the booming Southern California area after the Second World War, their first major church here.

Spokesmen for the American Baptist Convention said it was unlikely that the move by Dr. Walter A. Pegg's church would "start a stampede", although there is some Southern Baptist sentiment among other churches in this area.

The church had been affiliated with the American Convention since its 1905 founding. The transfer was voted unanimously and it was thought there would be no fall-out of membership.

The executive board of the Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association voted to recognize the church as a cooperating constituency in full fellowship.

"Through the years," said Dr. Pegg, "the church has followed the Southern Baptist Sunday school and training program. I and my people believe and practice what Southern Baptists believe and practice."

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program Receipts for September soared to a new record high of \$149,696.40, surpassing last September's \$130,235.61 for a gain of \$19,460.79, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

The September receipts of \$149,696.40 compared to \$131,392.76 in April of this year, the previous all-time high.

Total receipts thus far this convention year, through Sept. 30, stand at \$1,220,886.68, a gain of \$143,101.73, or 13 per cent, over the same period last year.

That leaves \$279,113.32 necessary to be given in October in order to reach the objective of \$1,500,000 for this convention year.

BULLETIN

Reports from the Bookkeeping Office late Tuesday of this week (Baptist Record press day) reveal that the Cooperative Program Operating Budget of \$1,250,000 was reached that day and all Cooperative Program funds received from that day until \$1,400,000 is reached will go to the Capital Needs Budget as related elsewhere in this story.

Supplementary Cooperative Program contributions continue to come in. Egypt Church, Rev. C. W. Thompson, Jr., pastor, has sent in one for \$500 and Come Church, Rev. George Hern, pastor, sends in one for \$300. Another comes from Evansville Church, Tate County, Rev. J. F. Grubbs, for \$25.

"Other churches are increasing" (Continued on Page Two)

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Six Cities Want Radio Commission

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Proposals from six cities in five states were received during the recent Nashville meeting of the Central Committee of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in an effort to determine the best possible location for the agency.

No recommendation will be made by the Central Committee until a

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September Co-Op

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their regular September and October checks, others are giving for the first time, all very encouraging as we look to our ambitious but worthy goal of \$1,500,000," declared Dr. Quarles.

The operating budget this year has been set at \$1,250,000 which should be reached now within a very few days and all funds collected after that date until \$1,400,000 has been reached will go for the building needs of five of our institutions.

This \$150,000 would be divided as follows: Mississippi College, \$30,000; Clarke College, \$40,000; Blue Mountain College, \$30,000; William Carey College, \$20,000; and Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$30,000.

The last \$100,000 of the Cooperative Program budget, from \$1,400,000 to \$1,500,000 would be divided, 66 2-3 per cent for home and foreign missions and 33 1-3 per cent for endowment of the four colleges listed above.

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A Catechism Of

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3. In what respect are men changed in the new birth? In the new birth men have a new heart, so as to hate sin and desire to be holy servants of God. Ezek. 11: 19, 20.

4. Is this new birth necessary in order to salvation? Without the new birth no one can be saved. John 3:3.

5. Who produces this great change? The Holy Spirit regenerates. John 3:5, 6.

6. Are people regenerated through Bible teaching? Yes, people whose hearts are already changed ought to be baptized.

7. Are people regenerated through the Word of God? I Pet. 1:23; James 1:18.

8. Can we understand how men are born again? No, we can only know regeneration by its effects. John 3:8.

9. Does faith come before the new birth? No, it is the new heart that truly repents and believes.

10. What is the proof of having a new heart? The proof of having a new heart is living a new life. I John 2:29; 2 Cor. 5:17.

Advanced Questions

(a) Why is water mentioned in connection with the new birth? Water is mentioned in connection with the new birth to show that this is a pure birth, leading to a new and pure life. John 3:5; Tit. 2:5; Rom. 6:4.

(b) Does God give his renewing Spirit as he sees proper? Yes, God gives his renewing Spirit to those whom he always purposed to save. Eph. 1:3,4.

HIGHLAND ORDAINS
WHITE ROCK PASTOR

REV. J. G. FORTERBERRY

Rev. J. G. Forterberry, pastor of the White Rock Mission, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Highland Church, Jackson, on September 19.

Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, led the questioning for the presidency. Floyd Williams, Highland Church, gave the charge and presented the Bible to the candidate. Rev. George Lassett, pastor at Highland, preached the ordination sermon and Bobby Anthony led the prayer.

Mr. Forterberry is a native of Jackson and was a salesman prior to his attending Clarke College, Newton. He plans to enter Mississippi College in November.

One Last Appeal

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and send it in this month.

4. Churches that have given nothing so far this year should by all means make some worthy gift to this vital cause.

5. Individuals who have the burden of Christian Education and Missions on their heart may want to make an "over and above" gift through your church.

Amount Needed

To reach the \$1,500,000 Co-operative Program goal by October 31, we must give almost twice the amount given last month.

This is a big goal—almost twice the amount ever given in any single month in our history.

It can be done, and Mississippi Baptists are well able to do it. However it is done—let's do it for the Glory of God, and the cause of Christian Education and World Missions.

—BR—

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Pearl Martin, Jackson; Mrs. S. E. Lary, Jackson; Mrs. W. L. McMullen, Newton; Rev. R. D. Pearson, Macon; Mrs. Leon Walker, Macon; Rev. Gordon Sather, Winona.

Advance In

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crease may not prevail.

At this time there is no way to tell what this will do for the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program in 1955. Let us pray that it will not be the year when state causes will increase and Southern causes decrease. We constantly stand aware of that hour as always a threatening possibility.

It is because of this that the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program faces one of its really critical hours this fall and your committee on world evangelism feels called upon now to send this urgent appeal to every Baptist church and to our state leaders for the fullest support of the Cooperative Program.

We would offer, therefore, the following suggestions for immediate and prayerful consideration by every Baptist church in our Convention territory.

1. Prepare and plan your church budget and stewardship program to reach your maximum possibilities.

2. Include the Cooperative Program on the basis of a definite percentage of the total church budget.

3. If it is already included on the basis of a definite percentage, increase that percentage by at least 5 per cent of the total budget.

4. Seek to enlist every member to tithe.

5. Encourage your people to send their gifts undesignated so that our advance toward world evangelization will be a total advance.

No, this will not win the world this next year or the next, but it is a step in that direction. "The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step," or to quote another, "Little by little, inch by inch, the insignificant communist movement of forty years ago has now become a crusading, possessing, paralyzing world force. Dare we do less than they for the Master? Do we dare fail to make our each year per cent by per cent?"

Bod help us do it now . . . this fall, 1954.

—BR—

Six Cities Want

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more detailed study can be made and more complete information compiled, according to Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the Commission.

Knight disclosed that outside technical assistance is to be utilized in the continuing study.

No public announcement will be made on the matter until such time as the full commission of twenty-eight members has met and come to a decision.

Representatives of Albuquerque, N.Mex. and Tulsa, Okla., were present for one afternoon session.

Both were given unlimited time to present their case for the city they represented.

Other proposals were submitted in writing by Fort Worth, Tex.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Dallas, Tex.; and Atlanta, Ga.

The Atlanta proposal took the form of a statement as to why the Commission should and could remain in Atlanta.



L. U. AMASON

Shown above is L. U. Amason who will be the featured speaker at Bay Springs' observance of Layman's Day on Sunday, October 10.

Layman's Day is sponsored by the Brotherhood. Special music for the program will be provided by the Brotherhood Choir.

Mr. Amason works with the State Health Department and teaches a Young Men's Class at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Dr. Cecil W. Jones is the pastor at Bay Springs.

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — All states of the Southern Baptist Convention went over their established goals in the Ministers Security Plan, it was announced by the Relief and Annuity Board. Goals were two-thirds of all active Ministers Retirement Plan members transferring with their churches, into the new Ministers Security Plan.



The brothers shown above, Fairly Bowlin and Barney Calvin Bowlin, have a perfect attendance record in Sunday School for five years. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bowlin, they are from Mt. Zion Church in Franklin county. Rev. George H. Moseley is the pastor.

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It Is Up To You

On Page 1 will be found a story that should bring shouts of joy from every Mississippi Baptist. The article points out that September saw the greatest amount of money contributed by Baptists through the Convention Board office for Cooperative Program objects in the history of Mississippi Baptists. September of 1953 was the record month until September, 1954. On Thursday, September 30, Mrs. Daphne Pridgen, head of the Bookkeeping Department of the Baptist Convention Board, reported that receipts for the month totalled \$139,464.41. The truth of the matter is that it amounted to a little more than that for a few people brought in contributions late in the day after these receipts had been recorded. The amount received in September, 1953, was a few dollars more than \$131,000.00.

The receipts for the first eleven months of the present Convention year totalled \$1,220,886.68. This means every organization and institution will receive the full amount that was planned in the budget adopted last December. But, however much we may shout over a record-breaking month and the reaching of the Budget Allocation in eleven months instead of twelve, unless Baptists do a lot of giving and more praying during the month of October there may be some heavy hearts and disappointed groups when the final figures for October are in.

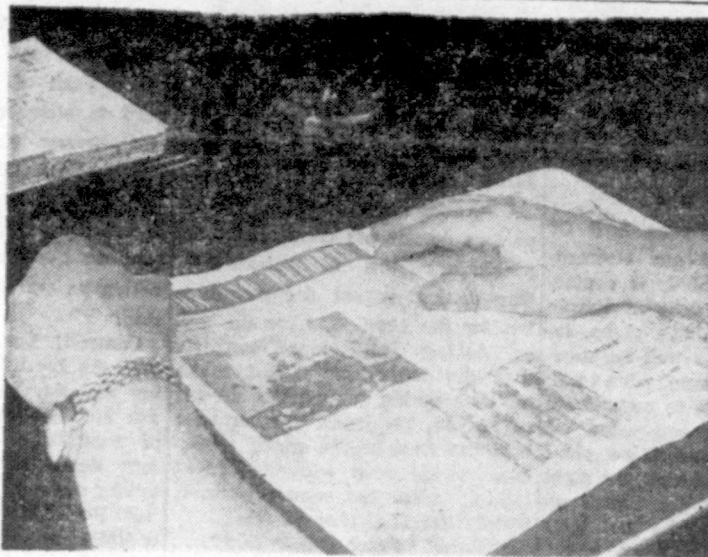
The total goal for the present Convention year is \$1,500,000. That means that we must give almost twice as much during the month of October as we gave during the record-breaking month of September if we reach the goal. While we have already received enough to take care of budget appropriations, there are two other parts of the \$1,500,000 goal that have not been reached. They are money that is to go to capital needs of Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College, William Carey College, Clarke College, and our Baptist Hospital, and the other part is to go for world wide missions.

Every worker in the Baptist Building is pledged to do his best both in giving and in promotion in reaching of the goal.

Secretary Quarles is averaging about 18 hours a day, with others following in his footsteps.

The appeal to reach the goal is not for the Convention Board nor for state mission work, but for our institutions and for worldwide missions. Every institution should enlist every one it can in this stretch drive, for they are the beneficiaries.

To reach the goal, means that our above-named institutions will have something to help meet their capital needs. To reach the goal



Keep well informed — read your church publication.

means that we can increase the amount given for worldwide missions. Many a missionary, acquainted with Mississippi affairs, will be praying during October, that we will reach the goal, because it means that their fields and their needs will be helped by Mississippi's victory.

May we suggest some ways that every church and every Baptist can help reach this worthwhile and sorely needed goal.

1. Let every pastor consult with his deacons or other leaders to find some way to send some more money for the goal.

2. Let every church that has been contributing regularly through the Cooperative Program check the treasury and see if there aren't some more dollars in some fund as yet unused that could be given to this worthy goal. For instance, a north Mississippi church sent \$500 from its reserve fund and a church in east-central Mississippi sent a generous donation from its treasury because receipts had been more than expected. If more Mississippi churches would do as these have done, what a help it would be!

2. The pastor of every church that has not contributed through the Cooperative Program should call the matter to the attention of his people and take a special offering to help Mississippi Baptists reach that goal, and make a contribution himself.

4. There are many churches that have been giving regularly to the Cooperative Program, but their percentage has been low. Let the pastors of all the churches check their percentage giving and perhaps they could add to what they have already done.

5. Let individual Baptists examine their hearts and their purses and perhaps God will lead them to make a special offering. Give it through your church.

One word of warning. Of course money received after the last day of October will count on next year's, but not on this year's. Therefore, we urge every pastor and every church treasurer to see

that any money received during the month is sent in time to reach the Convention Board office before the last day of October.

Yours for victory.

—BR—

Another Layman's Day

Another Layman's Day will be observed this coming Sunday and the work of the Kingdom will be advanced immeasurably because of the tremendous impact of this observance.

Layman's Day is an annual occurrence, observed the second Sunday in October when thousands of churches in the Convention recognize the men of the churches and give them an opportunity of being of special service on that day.

Layman's Day is sponsored by the Brotherhood and is one of the most effective features of the various promotional activities of the organization.

Hundreds of churches in Mississippi will observe the day Sunday and others that had not previously planned to may have time yet to do so.

On Layman's Day the men of the church have opportunity to serve in various capacities.

Because of Layman's Day the men of the church are inspired to greater activities and more loyal service.

We feel that Layman's Day is a great program and we recommend it to all churches that have not observed it.

—BR—

Gambling At The Fair Is Still Illegal, Period

During our 18 years residence in Hinds County we have attended most of the State Fairs held in Jackson and we do not recall a single year that we did not see open gambling on the Midway.

Gambling is illegal. The fact that it takes place at a fair does not make it legal. One official of the fair told us that it was necessary to have gambling in order to attract the people. That is a slander on Mississippi. Of course, here are a few people who want

to gamble, but the majority do not. Furthermore, if it takes gambling to have a fair, we would be better off without the fair as well as the gambling.

Gambling is against the law and if people are going to be arrested for violation of other laws, they should also be arrested for violating the gambling law. If people begin to fight or disturb the peace or shoot firearms or any other of the various violations they will be arrested promptly. Our officers should use the same promptness concerning gambling whether it be penny gambling or dollar gambling. A gambler should not be in a preferred class.

There are enough exhibits and other amusements without gambling. And gambling does not draw crowds. It only helps separate the crowd from their money and brings them nothing in return.

—BR—

Is It That Serious?

We are in thorough sympathy with President Eisenhower's setting aside a day of prayer. So far as we know, there has never been too much praying. If we would pray more, we would get along better. Although we are with the President in his call to prayer we wonder if the call would not have been taken more seriously had the President also observed God's law concerning one day in seven. Only a short time ago the President had a meeting of the Security Council on Sunday. So far as press dispatches have indicated, there was no crisis that was so serious that consideration of it could not have waited until Monday.

God is no respecter of persons and he will punish the high as well as the low, and if we continue to disregard Sunday, God will punish us. Every sin will be punished. National sins will be punished nationally. Individual sins will be punished individually.

We should be glad to know, and ask that anyone having the information send it to us, why that Sunday meeting should not have been held on another day.

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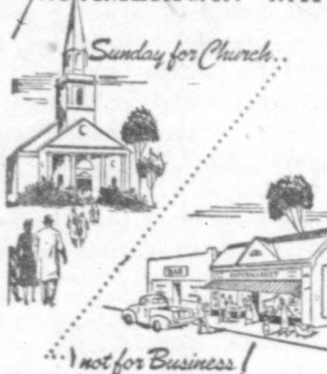
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"SUNDAY FOR CHURCH, NOT FOR BUSINESS"

"Sunday for Church—Not For Business" is the theme of a poster campaign inaugurated by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States which is intended to create public opinion among the Christian people of America to observe the Lord's Day properly.

The Alliance reports that the use of Sunday for business has now reached an acute stage.

The AMERICAN WAY



LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY

Some of the more respectable business houses are opening for business on Sunday. Others are using the telephone technique, accepting phone orders on Sunday and making delivery the same day within a limited radius. Radio and television commercials are making special spot announcements for stores open on the Christian Sabbath. Many run Sunday specials. In most states this is in complete violation of law.

In conjunction with the poster campaign the Alliance is offering to churches Sunday bulletins with the poster picture on the front page and on the back page a message calling upon the church membership not to buy on Sunday and to patronize during the week those stores which are closed on Sunday.

A legislative program will be introduced in the various State Legislatures for the enactment of appropriate laws to strengthen the existing laws.

The General Secretary of the Alliance stated that Sunday is the bulwark of American freedom and must be protected. It is our fortress against the paralyzing philosophy of materialism and secularism and is the day for the church to build the moral and spiritual character in the lives of our American people which is so essential to our survival.

—BR—
The 30th edition of THE MINISTER'S MANUAL (1955) by M. K. W. Heicher and G. B. F. Hallock includes: outlined sermons for Sunday mornings and evenings for the entire church year and special prayers; suggestions for children's sermons; themes for evangelistic meetings; sermon seed thoughts; sections on missions and missionaries; and approximately 280 scripture texts with comments and approximately 300 selected illustrations. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Harper & Brothers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York, 16, New York for \$2.75.

As Simple As . . .

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City.

Yes, it's as simple as A B C! How fortunate that our stewardship emphasis this fall is centered about such—for it is as simple as A B C. All of God's plans, including salvation as well as stewardship, are simple. Satan, through man, seeks to complicate them to our hurt. But when we take God at his word we shall realize that the psalmist was right when he said, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall

bring it to pass" (37:4f). Herein we find the A B C's of stewardship.

Ask! This word is suggested in "the desires of thine heart." James reminds us that we have not because we ask not (4:2). Most pastors do not ask enough of their people in regard to stewardship. Our asking is not for ourselves but for the Lord—and for the giver. Asking furthermore suggests that the individual should make his own giving program a matter of prayer. No junior partner in a business firm would make a momentous decision without first talking with his senior partner. Should the Christian do less?

Believe! "Trust also in him" . . . the psalmist said. Believe in God's program of finance for his

work. Believe the teachings of the Bible as to the responsibility which each of us bears with regard to stewardship. Believe in God's power to enable us to meet this obligation and opportunity. Believe that corporate giving commensurate to our ability will gird up the loins of our denomination as we face our world mission.

Commit! Yes, "commit thy way unto the Lord." This is the crowning thought. Many are those who ask and believe only to fall short of committal. Futile is our asking; dead is our faith; unless—unless our people are led to commit. Roger Babson is said to have complimented his pastor's sermon only to conclude, "But if you were a salesman of mine I would fire

you!" To the astonished pastor's inquiry, Mr. Babson replied, "Because you sold us on your product, but never did ask us to sign on the dotted line."

Ask—Believe—Commit. . . "and he shall bring it to pass." This is God's promise! It shall never fail. It is as simple as A B C—if we will apply it.

—BR—

HIGH POINT, N. C. (BP)—Miss

Emma Neeley, former Roman Catholic nun, joined Conrad Memorial Baptist Church here recently. This makes five former Roman Catholics who are members of the church. C. K. Rand, pastor, was also a Roman Catholic.

Jackson, Mississippi
October 7, 1954

AN OPEN LETTER TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Dear Fellow-Worker:

May we take this means of calling your attention to a very challenging matter before Mississippi Baptists at the moment. Our Cooperative Program objective for this Convention year, ending Oct. 31, is \$1,500,000. Our receipts through September 30 totaled \$1,220,886.68, a gain of \$143,101.73 or 13% over the same period a year ago.

However \$279,113.32 will be necessary during October in order to reach our goal. As encouragement we cite the all-time record high \$149,696.40, given in September.

What a challenge that presents to us! What an impact this achievement would have on all our work for the future.

All of us working and praying and pulling together we can, in the name of Christ, achieve this victory.

Sincerely yours,

Chester L. Quarles
Chester L. Quarles
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Joe Abrams
Joe Abrams
Director of Promotion

Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary
JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

I'VE BEEN A THINKIN'

What would happen if every Brotherhood got started right this year. Could it be that our men don't know what to do?

There is a certain amount of "know-how" in every phase of our will serve as a guide for new officers:

First Step: The president should call the pastor and elected officers together to pray and make plans for the future work of the organization.

Second Step: Decide upon a regular time for Brotherhood meetings so that they may be listed in the church calendar.

Third Step: Make plans for next meeting: (a) arrange good program, and (b) include period for introducing the Brotherhood officers and the duties of their offices.

Fourth Step: Study Brotherhood enrollment cards, which should be filled out on every man and make prospect list for new members.

Fifth Step: Discuss possible Brotherhood activities and plan initial program of work to be presented for adoption at next regular meeting.

Sixth Step: Instruct secretary to secure Brotherhood Journals (Copy for each man enrolled in organization) and record books. Order these materials from Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1543

Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

Seventh Step: Plan for group study of the Brotherhood Guidebook by officers and others who may wish to participate. (Guidebook available through Baptist Book Store).

Eighth Step: Instruct secretary to notify state Brotherhood Department of new officers.

Ninth Step: Make plans for financing the Brotherhood, i. e., cost of Journals, other Brotherhood literature, promotional projects, meals (if served), etc.

Tenth Step: Set time for regular monthly executive committee meeting.

Eleventh Step: Instruct membership vice-president to acquaint the church membership concerning the Brotherhood.

Twelfth Step: Make plans to advertise next regular meeting.

Thirteenth Step: Select chairman and form committees to carry on program of activities. (Use enrollment cards to find fields of interest).

Fourteenth Step: The president should make a Brotherhood report at the next and following regular business meetings of the church.

Brotherhood Clinics:
October 11, Calvary, Greenwood
October 12, Parkview, Greenville
October 14, Morton Baptist.
October 15, Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg.

Sather Is Missionary For Carroll-Montgomery



REV. GORDON SATHER

Rev. Gordon Sather is the new associational missionary for Carroll and Montgomery Counties, having begun his duties October 1.

In the two associations there are 41 churches cooperating in the Convention work.

Mr. Sather recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, receiving the B.D. degree. (He received the M. R. E. degree from Southwestern in 1953). Prior to attending Southwestern he attended Mississippi College and was pastor of Chapel Hill and Salem Churches in Hinds County.

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Restaurant Features 'Christian Atmosphere'

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (RNS)—A new restaurant here that features "a Christian atmosphere" and five-cent coffee may lead casual Springfield diners—out toward a more Christian life.

That, at least, is the hope of a non-profit organization headed by three Protestant ministers that recently opened the Celestial Grill in downtown Springfield.

Although no attempt is made to evangelize the diners, a large picture of Christ hangs over the grill's main service counter. Plaques with Biblical quotations are displayed about the walls, tracts and on the tables, and the juke box plays only religious recordings. Staff members are always ready to discuss religion with any person who asks for it.

Community reaction has been mostly favorable, with several customers confiding that they came to the Celestial Grill because they felt the need of spiritual consolation.

"A commercial restaurant was operated for many years on the premises now taken over by the "Christian Grill".

The corporation they formed to operate it has no connection with an local congregation. It plans eventually to set up an adjoining mission with food service and some type of living quarters in the apartments above.

But first the grill must achieve a firm financial footing on its own—an aim that seems to soon to be fulfilled. The high quality meals served at moderate prices are gaining patrons.



Shown above is part of the overflow crowd that attended the recent revival at Tchula. They moved to the high-school athletic field after the Tuesday night service to accommodate the crowd.

There were twenty additions to the church, thirteen for baptism and seven by letter. There were also four young people who dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

The revival was held by Dr. Landrum Leavell, Charleston, preaching; Riley Meek, Tuscumbia, Ala., leading the singing; and Robert Hall, Murfreesboro, Ark., at the piano. The pastor of the Tchula Church is Rev. Jasper P. Neel, Jr.

Doctrinally Speaking: Justification

By W. LANDON MILLER, Pastor
First Church, Sherman, Texas



Julius and Ethel

Rosenberg for two long years tried every method known to law to avoid the death penalty as convicted atomic spies. Even to the very last moment they would have hungrily welcomed the words, "not condemned."

Whatever justification is—and there are varied ideas concerning its meaning—one fact is crystal clear, justification is the opposite of condemnation (Rom. 5:16-18).

Stated positively, justification means that a person formerly under God's condemnation because of sin is now through his faith in Christ no longer condemned but forgiven and received into God's favor.

Free from God's condemnation! Restored to God's favor! Here is the essence of justification. Of course, it is vitally related to forgiveness (Acts 13:38-39) and comes the moment a sinner wholeheart-

edly trusts Christ as Saviour. When Martin Luther got hold of this idea, the Dark Ages were over.

Justification is another way of expressing salvation with the emphasis pointing to God's favorable attitude toward the forgiven sinner. God declares the believer "just" due to his faith in Christ, "even as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (Gal. 3:6).

This declaring man righteous does not mean that God plays make believe and calls a man "just" or "righteous" who isn't. Something happens inside us when we become born again. We become new creatures in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). We not only have a new standing with God, but we also have a new standard within. We are not only made safe (Rom. 5:9), but we are also made just.

Justification sums up what God does for a sinner who turns in faith to Christ, forgiveness, pardon, reconciliation, and peace. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). What more could a forgiven sinner ask!

Church Conference For The Blind To Meet In Jackson Oct. 14-15

The Mississippi Church Conference For The Blind will meet in its first annual meeting Thursday night and Friday night Oct. 14-15 at Calvary Baptist Mission in Jackson.

The Conference is sponsored by The Braille Evangel of Fort Worth, Texas.

This is the first attempt to organize a religious meeting of the blind in Mississippi.

Our program will consist of, a sermon, a devotional and songs from the congregation, solos, trios, quartets and other types of musical numbers.

On Thursday night October 14th, The Mississippi School For The Blind, will render special music.

All blind people are urged to attend. If you know of blind people in your community, please tell them of this conference.

The Conference Chairman is Rev. Bob S. Rushing of Hickory Flat.

Here is another evidence of the depth of the "moral crusade" which has taken over the government. Vice President Richard M. Nixon has appointed Robert L. King, 41, vice president and general manager of the Southern Comfort Corporation, a liquor wholesale firm, to be his top administrative aide. Mr. King, formerly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will assume his new duties in the \$12,000-a-year job after January 1. (WRR).

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—A total of 34,846 Training Union study course awards were made during August, a gain of 4,207 over the same period in 1953, according to J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Texas, with 7,565, topped all other states, with North Carolina showing 3,995, Alabama, 3,715, Georgia, 3,085, and Mississippi 3,028.

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CARVER SCHOOL opens with more than 100 students. Miss Lansdell wrote "We like our Mississippi students." So do we! You will want to write them, send them some token of your interest and appreciation or in some way let them know you are aware of their studying in our school. The address of each of these is 2801 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky.:

Jessie Smith from Blue Mountain,
Sara Jo Pennebaker from Laurel,
Barbarann Carley from Yazoo City,
Pauline Rowe from Grenada.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS chairmen will take note! The individual Community Missions record sheets are now available (free) from the WMU office, Box 530, Jackson. We want these used! The purpose of the blanks is two fold: first, to stimulate each individual to a more consistent Christian witness and second, to provide a record for participation in directed activities. Please do not order these unless you plan to make the best possible use of them. The WMU presidents have been sent a sample copy—see it before you write for the blanks—also see the suggestions for its use.

BRAZIL here we come—let's go! The Foreign Mission series is now available at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. The books will help you visit the mission fields in Brazil. If you are to teach one of them, be sure and write the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Va., immediately for the free teaching helps—be sure and state which book you are to teach—also request a pocket of the free material on Brazil, which includes a splendid map. The titles of the books are:

Women—Pilgrimage to Brazil	80c
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

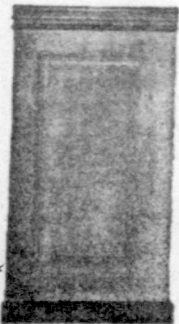
Miss Mary Sampson of Formosa will be the speaker the first week and Miss Lorene Tilford of Formosa will be the speaker the second week.

*District I—October 29, 9:45 A. M.—Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson
District II—November 2, 9:45 A. M.—First Baptist Church, Cleveland.
District III—October 28, 9:30 A. M.—Winona.
District IV—October 27, 9:45 A. M.—Aberdeen.
District V—November 4, 9:45 A. M.—First Baptist Church, Louisville.
District VI—October 26, 10 A. M.—Beacon St. Church, Philadelphia.
District VII—November 3, 10 A. M.—Collins.
District VIII—November 5, 9:45 A. M.—Prentiss.
*Bring sandwiches. All of the others will have lunch served by the association in which the meeting is held.

YEAR CLOSED—yes the WMU year closed last night (this copy is being written Oct. 1) and when you read this we will already have had a week of the new "WMU Year." We need the record of your work of last year—a record of the work in Mississippi is to be compiled in the very near future and without the report from your WMU (found in the back of the secretary's book) we will not be able to make a complete report. We just have to put in a blank if yours doesn't come in. Ask your secretary for last year if she has sent it. Thanks!

YEAR BOOKS have been ordered in large quantities for use by local officers—get yours before you make the final plans for the year.

HANDBOOKS set forth a suggested calendar of activities for Stewardship, Mission Study and Community Missions. It also contains a list of all the Mississippi missionaries, their birth place, field, and birthday.



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Dr. Virginia E. Lane has been engaged as resident physician of Blue Mountain College. Dr. Lane is a native Virginian and holds her bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond. She then attended the Training School of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and after completing her work there she secured the degree of doctor of medicine at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia and was then in general practice for six years. From 1946 to 1954 she was college physician at the Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus.

Sparks & Splinters

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Hugh Conwill, Shannon; Rev. W. T. Waring, Escatawpa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lawrence, Columbia; Dr. Cecil W. Jones, Bay Springs; Rev. Jack Jones Bay Springs; Rev. Jack Cranford, Yazoo City; E. C. Kinnison, Yazoo City; Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Middleton, Gore Springs; Elizabeth Huffman, Pelahatchie; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, Calhoun City; Rev. A. W. Talbert, Brookhaven; Rev. E. C. Edwards, Tutwiler; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr. Clinton.

The Silver Springs Church of Pike county will have its homecoming, October 10. Rev. and Mrs. Elton Moore, missionary appointees to Indonesia and former pastor will be present for the activities of the day. There will be a morning, afternoon and night service, and dinner will be served on the spacious church lawn. The Silver Springs quartet will render the special music. The pastor is Rev. Harry F. Jones.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. L. C. Redford, Yazoo City; Rev. Claude Howe, Brandon; Rev. J. F. Stanford, Pelahatchie; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Corinth; Rev. M. S. Varnado, Pascagoula.

The Bible was the best seller at the Baptist Book Store at Ridgecrest this summer, with total sales for the three month period reaching \$8,300.

PHOENIX Ariz. . . (SP)—Two hundred and thirty-eight students have registered to date at Grand Canyon College, making the highest fall enrollment in the history of the school.

Need For Worthy Causes

Is there human need in your community? Does your church needs funds for doing a better job for the Lord? Are there things that you personally would enjoy having? Of course! These are almost silly questions, and are purely rhetorical, of course.

To state that I know the answer to these needs, and that America's Liquor Bill for one year would in large measure supply them, may have become a bit trite, but just as a matter of bringing it down to our level of understanding consider what that bill of 10 Billion Dollars, in round figures, would buy:

10 million men's suits at \$50	\$500,000,000
10 million women's dresses at \$50	\$500,000,000
1/4 million college scholarships at \$1,000	\$500,000,000
50 million pairs of shoes at \$10	\$500,000,000
10 million radio sets at \$50	\$500,000,000
2 1/2 million musical instruments at \$200	\$500,000,000
200 thousand automobiles at \$2,500	\$500,000,000
2 million refrigerators at \$250	\$500,000,000
5 million typewriters at \$100	\$500,000,000
30 million electric razors at \$16.66 2/3	\$500,000,000
10 million watches at \$50	\$500,000,000
20 million traveling bags at \$25	\$500,000,000
100 million subscriptions to magazines at \$5	\$500,000,000
200 million books at \$2.50	\$500,000,000
20 million dental appointments at \$25	\$500,000,000
50 million permanent waves at \$10	\$500,000,000
20 million fishing outfits at \$25	\$500,000,000
10 million shotguns at \$50	\$500,000,000
10 million sets of golf clubs at \$50	\$500,000,000
and 50 million tennis racquets at \$10	\$500,000,000

\$10,000,000,000

Maybe you would not have spent the money in these figures on the particular items shown. Frankly, I wouldn't either. But adapt the figures to needs that YOU know about! and consider the following:

\$10,000,000,000.00 would keep 250,000 missionaries on the field for 20 years—whereas it now takes 7,500 Southern Baptists to keep ONE there!

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\$10,000,000,000.00 equals, and in fact exceeds a little, the TOTAL VALUE of ALL public elementary and secondary school properties in the ENTIRE UNITED STATES in 1949!

What of Mississippi? In 1952 we consumed 10,000,000 gallons of beer alone in the state. The \$30,000,000 that it cost would have met in large measure all our educational needs, or would have built a brand new \$10,000.00 home for every citizen in a city the size of Corinth, McComb, or Pascagoula!

Truly, Missions, local Kingdom work and human need all wait on Total Abstinence!

Need money? I know where you can get it!

The Washington Religious Review quotes Elmer Davis as having pointed out that the President told the people to spend the Fourth of July as a day of penance and prayer but, in fact, the President himself caught four fish that morning, played 18 holes of golf in the afternoon, and spent the evening at the bridge table. A Mr. Miller quotes the President as having told a religious group that he likes for his preachers to be vigorous and forthright in defense of any position they may take, but the author notes that none of the clergymen thought to rejoin that he prefers his Presidents that way, too! The author notes also that many people attending the widely-publicized prayer groups in Washington "enjoy listening to lay-speakers who easily equate piety with personal prosperity." He might well have added that many of them invest their funds in either Lenders, Inc., one of the largest of the loan shark outfits in Washington, or buy stock in the major liquor distilleries, while piously going from prayer group to prayer group to prayer group. For example, only a day or so after publicly singing "What A Friend I Have in Jesus," with the President at the Mayflower Hotel here, Conrad Hilton, the famed hotel owner, was seen kicking up his heels with a girl half his age at the Copacabana in New York.

Hillcrest Church in Jackson will observe Layman's Day on Sunday, October 10. All the men of the church are urged to be five-star for the day. This includes attendance at Sunday School, morning worship service, Training Union, evening worship services and also to be tithers. There will be an early morning prayer service at 7:30. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Rev. G. C. Cox, Jr. is the pastor.

Official registration for Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the 1954 session reached 28,805.

ARTHRITIS?

I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set.

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ASSOCIATIONAL PLANNING MEETING

Each year three separate planning meetings are promoted: the state, the associational and the church.

The state meeting was held in Jackson on August 31, with an excellent attendance. This meeting is for the associational Sunday School leaders, missionaries, etc.

The next of the three meetings is the one for the association, which follows shortly after the state meeting.

Some of these have been held, but many have not yet done so. It is very important that this be done. The idea of the associational planning meeting is to have present the church Sunday school leaders to order to make plans with them to go back into the churches and present the Sunday school program for the year.

Associations that have not yet had their meeting should plan for it right away, so that the church meetings will not be so late in the new year. A good start is worth so much in a year's work.

LITERATURE SENT OUT

The literature for these associational planning meetings has already been mailed out from the Nashville office.

Around the first of August, a package of materials was sent to every pastor, every general superintendent, every educational director, every associational missionary, the superintendent of training and the associational Sunday School superintendent.

This is sufficient literature in each association for the planning meeting. The idea is to use it in the best manner possible. Unless it is used, the great good that would come from it will be lost to our people in the plans to make this year a better one than last.

AWARDS RECORD FOR AUGUST, 1954

No. awards for August	675
No. awards to date	23,661
No. churches to date	478
No. associations to date	75

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Tupelo, Calvary	46
Magnolia, First	45
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	38
Purvis	35

THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE AT NEW ORLEANS CLINIC

There is still room for a few more from Mississippi to the South-wide Sunday school clinic at New Orleans next January 8-21. The only cost is transportation plus a registration fee of \$15.00. Write your state Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, for application blank.

This is a great opportunity, and right at our doors. Let's see it.

A SERVICE MAN'S LETTER

This is part of a letter received recently by a pastor from a young man in the military service.

"I have received the numerous bulletins, letters, and Sunday school Quarterly. They have touched me deeply for the fact that I didn't realize the church knew my address.

"I have been thinking that I would like to move my membership back to my home church, but would it be possible to do so while I am still in service and overseas or would I have to wait until I get home? I moved my membership to the church near the school that I was going to, but that was about two years ago. Since then I have had very few opportunities to move it back.

"The Military Service Membership Plan which I received in your letter interests me very much. I would appreciate it very much if you would enrol me in the Sunday School."

Many of these fine fellows are some of our best Christian young men. All we can do for them while they are away from us is the least we should even think of for their good.

Leaflets on this plan are available from the state office.

TIME TO RENEW

All Standard units expire at the close of each year—September 30. So, we have come again to renewing time for the standards. If you do not have the blanks, write us and we shall gladly send them to you. Let us know the one, or ones, you want.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Mississippi College Ministerial Association

Recently the Baptist Record had its annual Baptist Record party for the Ministerial Association at Mississippi College. The attendance was some better than had been in previous years. The President of the association, Rev. Willard Whoberry, said that part of the increased attendance was due to the fact that meetings were now held twice monthly instead of every week.

The ministerial students, their wives, and in some cases, lady friends, received us enthusiastically.

Most of them were acquainted with the Baptist Record and its plan of promotion, but for the benefit of the few who were new students we explained about the promotion plan and the Every Family plan.

This means that we are going to have more subscribers as these young men have time to do something about it.

Record readers in Hinds county are now listed as follows: BETHESDA, 47; BROWNSVILLE (BEULAH), 57; BOLTON, 31; BYRAM, 83; CHAPEL HILL, 31; EDWARDS, 61; ELRAINE, 75; JACKSON: ALTA WOODS, 275; CALVARY, 1387; DANIEL MEMORIAL, 590; CRESTWOOD, 201; EMMANUEL, 66; FIRST, 1318; 196; NORTHSIDE, 397; PARKWAY, 857; ROBINSON STREET, 109; VAN WINKLE, 367; SOUTHSIDE, 355; WEST, 187; TEMPLE, 33; RIDGECREST, 146; HIGHLAND, 85; BROADMOOR, 192; CALVARY MISSION, 57; VAN WINKLE MISSION, 21; HILLCREST, 82; Learned, 12; MIDWAY, 58; WESTVIEW, 100; Old Byram, 16; PALESTINE, 23; POCAHONTAS, 25; RAYMOND, 121; SALEM, 41; FOREST HILL, 73; TERRY, 117; UTICA, 91; NEW HAVEN, 26; CLINTON, 289.

A Remarkable Record

Recently we visited the Ministerial Association at Mississippi College. There were approximately 100 persons present at the meeting. About half of those present were pastors of churches. Some were pastors of one church and some pastors of more than one.

Upon checking our records, we found that only three of the pastors present (student pastors) did not have the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

We believe that the percentage of Mississippi College student pastors who have the Baptist Record in their churches is greater than the percentage of all the pastors in Mississippi.

Hurley Is No. 1101

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Hurley Church in Jackson County. Rev. R. V. Walker is the pastor.

Recently the church clerk, Miss Loretta Hubbard, sent an EVERY

OAK GROVE (NESHOPA) ORDAINS MINISTER



REV. WAYNE O. BURKES

Oak Grove Church in Neshoba County recently ordained to the gospel ministry Rev. Wayne O. Burkes, who has been called as pastor of Renfro Church in Leake County.

Rev. Stanley E. Burnett pastor, East Philadelphia, was the interrogator and led the ordination prayer. Rev. Wilbur C. Breland, pastor at Oak Grove, gave the charge.

Rev. James K. Kirkendall, pastor, Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, brought the ordination message. Mr. Burkes led the closing prayer.

Deacons from Renfro, Pearl Valley (Neshoba) and Oak Grove were members of the council. John Williams, deacon at Oak Grove presented the Bible.

Mr. Burkes is a senior at Mississippi College and his wife is a recent graduate of that school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Burkes of Edinburg.

A young lady who is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, with one year at Southwestern Seminary and 6 years' teaching experience is interested in a position as church secretary. Anyone interested may write the Baptist Record for the name and address of the lady.

FAMILY list of 36 names.

Record readers in Jackson County are now listed as follows: BELLEFONTAINE, 30; EAST MOSS POINT, 106; Escatawpa, 3; Fort Bayou, 14; FRIENDSHIP, 32; GAUTIER, 47; HURLEY, 38; KREOLE, FIRST, 54; MOSS POINT, 150; OCEAN SPRINGS, 27; PASCAGOULA, FIRST, 361; PASCAGOULA, CALVARY, 126; PASCAGOULA, EAST SIDE, 36; PASCAGOULA, EASTLAWN, 88; Red Creek Union, 17; UNITY, 43; VANCLEAVE, 36; WADE, 57; RIVERSIDE, 62; Meadowview, 12.

Carey College Announces Fall Enrollment

William Carey College, Hattiesburg, has enrolled 308 students for the fall semester of the 1954-55 session. Mrs. Ralph Noonkester, Registrar, has announced.

These 308 students are classified as follows: Freshmen, 113; Sophomores, 50; Juniors, 72; Seniors, 35; and Special Students, 38.

In the first year of coeducation, Carey College has enrolled more men than women. The student body is composed of 163 men and 145 women.

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CHALMERS A. COLLINS

Shown above is Chalmers A. Collins, Bude, a junior at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, who was recently appointed the Minister of Music of the Irene Chapel Church in Hattiesburg.

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Mr. Woodward Mrs. Williams Dr. Price Judge Dale

Pictured above are four of the program participants for the coming Mississippi Baptist Student Convention to be held at First Church, Hattiesburg, December 3-5, 1954.

Mr. Jim Woodward is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, is now a student of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is the Director of the Kentucky BSU Choir and will lead the singing for the Convention.

Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, Tennessee, is the widow of the late Dr. Williams, long-time Sunday School Board leader, has served as traveling secretary with the Training Union of Texas, and is a leader of conferences on courtship, marriage and the home. She will give chalk talks during the Meditation periods, lead a conference on marriage and the home, and teach the ladies' Sunday School Class.

Dr. John M. Price, Jr., Director of the New Orleans Seminary School of Religious Education, is a graduate of Baylor University, Southwestern Seminary (B.D. and M.R.E.), New Orleans Seminary (Th.M. and Th.D.), has done special work at the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Seminary, and is pastor of New River Church, St. Amant, Louisiana. He will lead a seminar for prospective educational directors.

Judge Sebe Dale, of Columbia, Mississippi, is a graduate of Mississippi College and Cumberland University law school, served two terms as District Attorney, is currently serving his second term as Circuit Judge, is a deacon and teacher of Men's Bible Class in First Church, Columbia, and is presently Governor of District 30-B of Lions International. He will lead a seminar for prospective lawyers.

MISCELLANEA

222 Mississippi Baptist Churches have sent us a list of their college students, totaling 1289 students. We're asking our BSUs to help them spiritually all they can.

Minister to Baptist students at Cornell University and Ithaca College responds to our letter about Mississippi student up there to effect that he will try to get her to be an active participant in the student and church work.

We're grateful for the survey report of Hinds County Colleges, recently presented to the Missions Committee of Hinds County Association by Dr. Lewis Rhodes' committee, because it encourages us to feel that our home association will soon do something big for Jackson and Hinds County college students.

"I do earnestly hope that provision may be made for an associate in your department. The BSU work in our state has grown to such proportions that it is evidently impossible for you to handle it without assistance."—Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain.

"... may the need of an associate become a reality as soon as it is practicable."—John G. McDonald, Goodman.

"I do hope we can soon have an Associate in the State B. S. U. Department. This work is of such great importance."—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland.

Mississippi leads the South in percentage of college students who are Baptist with 47%, according to The Survey Bulletin which also reveals that Mississippi ranks above Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia in total number of Baptist students.

The Southern Baptist Handbook (1954) reveals that 76,091 young people are unreached by any Sunday School in Mississippi.

We appreciate the receipt of the initial '54 issues of Clarke's The Unifier and MSCW's Flambeau. Please, all you BSU's, send us your BSU paper regularly.

Billy Davis, Mississippi State, and Eldridge Fleming, Southwest Junior, express appreciation for our recent letters to them encouraging them to be loyal to Christ and to His Church during

SEMINARY PROFESSOR IS ABERDEEN EVANGELIST



DR. HENRY TURLINGTON

First Church, Aberdeen, will be engaged in a Stewardship Revival October 17-October 22 with Dr. Henry E. Turlington, Professor of New Testament, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., serving as the evangelist.

In 1946 Dr. Turlington was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to go to China. While in China he taught at the University of Shanghai. In 1949 he was called to the Assistant Professorship of New Testament at Southern Seminary.

His pastoral experience includes pastorates in Florida and Kentucky.

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Evangelism Director Goes To Alaska

By C. E. WILBANKS
Director of Evangelism

October 7 your director of evangelism joined 22 other ministers and six singers in Dallas, to proceed to Alaska. We shall be in simultaneous revivals there, October 10-24.

Mississippi Baptists have an interest in this, since the State Board is ending me, and I shall be preaching in Calvary Church, Anchorage, John DeFoore, pastor. I shall direct the crusade in Anchorage area.

Dr. C. Y. Dossey is over-all director of the crusade, and will preach in Fairbanks.

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UNION HALL DEDICATES LIBRARY



Union Hall Church in Lincoln county dedicated a new library September 17, with Mrs. Genevieve Day, State Library Consultant being the speaker. They had a "covered dish" supper.

Mrs. Herman Price is librarian and Rev. W. H. Slaymaker is pastor.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

MUSIC WEEK HELD IN MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

During the week of September 12-17, Music Week was held for the Mississippi Association, centering around three area Music Schools. The Schools were held at Mars Hill, Liberty, and Gloster, and the churches in near-by areas co-operated with the various schools. In connection with the Associational Music Director, Ed Causey of Gloster, the Associational Missionary, and W. C. Morgan, State Secretary of Music, Robert Nations of Noxapater and Jimmy McCaleb of Columbus, assisted with the emphasis.

During the week 17 churches co-operated with the 3 schools and the total enrolment of 196 was attained.

According to statements made by the leadership in the association, this was the finest emphasis up-to-date held in the association. Mississippi Association is on the march in the Music Program.

GEORGE COUNTY ASSOCIATION HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

During the week of September 19-24 a Central School of Music was held in the Lucedale Baptist Church and all 5 churches in the association co-operated in this effort. The school was led by the

State Secretary of Music and other teachers, including Tom Doty of Lucedale, teaching Conducting, and Mrs. S. E. Buchanan teaching Graded Choirs.

During the week 133 people were enrolled in the classes. A demonstration in Graded Choir Work was given and special emphasis was placed upon the churches establishing a Church Music Department. Rev. Van Hardin is pastor of the Lucedale Baptist Church. The general promotion of the school was under the leadership of Rev. F. L. Coker of Agricola.

STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL COMING

The first mailing to the leaders of the choirs and ensembles, and hymn players qualified to enter the State Music Festival is being mailed out this week. Other materials will follow in a few days. In case of questions regarding the State Festival, please write the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson.

There are 3,250 qualified to enter this festival and it should be the largest ever held in our state. If your choir, ensemble and hymn players are qualified to enter the State Festival, start your preparation now and don't miss this opportunity.

Mississippi City Mission Now Constituted Church

Mississippi Baptists have an interest in this, since the State Board is ending me, and I shall be preaching in Calvary Church, Anchorage, John DeFoore, pastor. I shall direct the crusade in Anchorage area.

The effort was initiated and aided by the Missions Committee for the Gulf Coast Association. The Missionary is Rev. O. B. Anderson.

After many years of prayer and planning, and more than two years of active effort, the Baptists of Mississippi City petitioned for church status. Mississippi City, the second oldest town in the state, has never had a permanent Baptist Church.

Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor of the First Church, Gulfport, delivered the organizational message. The special music was directed by J. R. Jones, minister of education of the church.

A council composed of ministers of neighboring Baptist churches declared the constituting of the church.

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Nursery, Beginner, Primary Clinic Is Scheduled For November 8 Calvary Church, Jackson

OUTSTANDING FACULTY SECURED FOR CLINIC

An outstanding faculty has been secured for Mississippi's first statewide Nursery, Beginner and Primary Leadership Clinic on November 8 at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; they are a group of qualified, trained, experienced children's workers: Miss Ann Bradford, Professor of Elementary Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary; Miss Elsie Rives, Director of Elementary Religious Education, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Miss LaVerne Ashby, director of Primary Work with the Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; Mrs. Jesse Meek, Approved Nursery, Beginner, Primary Worker with the Training Union Department of Tennessee; Miss Evelyn George, our own Nursery, Beginner, Primary worker; Mrs. Chester L. Quarles and others.

DESOTO ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION MEETS

Mrs. Dorothy M. Loftin, Associational Training Union Secretary reports a recent meeting of the Desoto Associational Training at the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Monday night, September 20. There was a total attendance of 150, which represented three of the seven churches in the association with Training Unions. The efficiency banner was awarded the New Prospect Baptist Church. Special music was rendered by the Girls Trio from the Olive Branch Church. Dr. Earl Kelly of Holly Springs Baptist Church, was the speaker.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS' PLANNING MEETINGS NOVEMBER 9, 11, 12.

Another big date in November besides the Nursery, Beginner, Primary Clinic is your associational officers' planning meeting. In the past you have been asked to travel all the way to Jackson for this meeting. This time the meeting is being held closer to you, for we have three of these meetings scheduled. Since an afternoon and evening session is scheduled it will be close enough for each associational officer to get back home after adjournment of the evening session.

More than fifty associational officers are expected to register at each place. Plan to attend the meeting closest to you:

November 9, First Baptist Church, Oxford.

November 11, First Baptist Church, Canton.

November 12, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

"M" NIGHT

It is not too early to begin thinking and planning for "M" Night in your association now. Last year 17,101 people in 58 as-

sociations observed "M" Night. This year we are working toward a goal of 24,462 with all 75 associations having an "M" night. To coin a phrase, "Let's All Go To 'M' Night in Mississippi."

COVINGTON ASSOCIATION GROUP MEETINGS

On Monday night, September 27, Group 1 and Group 2 of the Covington Associational Training Union met in their regular group meetings. Group 1 held its meeting at Calhoun Baptist Church. Group 2 met at Lebanon Baptist Church. The program at each of the group meetings consisted of a brief devotional period, recognition of churches, Intermediate Sword Drill demonstration, a message on "A Fully Graded Church Training Program For a Fully Enlisted Church Membership", and the showing of a film. Rev. C. O. Estes was the speaker at the Group 1 meeting and Rev. L. W. Mangum was the speaker at the group 2 meeting.

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50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Clinton Church observed the week of Prayer and Self-Denial, March 12-18, 1899. Mrs. M. J. Nelson conducted the meeting on Wednesday and Pastor George Wharton on Friday. Self-Denial offering amounted to \$5.64. "A noble example for other Societies," said the State Leader, Mrs. M. F. Searcy.

The Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln County, had 28 additions from a revival meeting in which Rev. A. L. O'Brian assisted Pastor J. W. Mayfield.

40 YEARS AGO—

There were 58 accessions to the Harmony Church, Lincoln County, 45 of them for baptism from a revival meeting in which Pastor R. C. Myers was assisted by Rev. J. R. Kyzar.

There were 28 additions, 20 for baptism, to the First Church of Yazoo City during their annual revival meeting in which Pastor M. C. Vick was assisted by P. I. Lipsey, M. E. Dodd and H. M. King, in succession (due to deaths, etc.).

25 YEARS AGO—

The New Salem Church, Hinds County, enjoyed the preaching of Pastor J. R. Hitt of Clinton and Mississippi College during their annual revival.

REV. FRANK THOMAS IS NEW ABERDEEN PASTOR



REV. FRANK THOMAS

Frank Thomas is the new pastor of the First Church, Aberdeen. He succeeded Rev. C. W. Thompson, who had resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Church Ellenville.

Mr. Thomas is a native of Vicksburg, a graduate of Mississippi College and has completed the residence requirements for the Th. D. degree at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

While a student at Mississippi College, he served three years as pastor of the Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, and for the past three years, he has served as pastor of the Wirt Church, Madison, Indiana. He is married and is the father of two children.

Mr. Thomas served as chaplain in General Patton's Third Army during World War II and was later associated with the LeTourneau Industries at Vicksburg when he accepted the call to the ministry.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 11—T. L. Everett, Clarke College faculty; Rev. J. B. Laney, Associational Missionary, Marshall and Lafayette Counties.

October 12—Albert Johnson, Itawamba Associational Training Union Director; Mrs. C. L. Bryant, Benton Associational W. M. U. superintendent.

October 13—Harry Paulsell, Gulf Coast Associational Brotherhood President; Patty Hollis, BSU president, Blue Mountain College.

October 14—Rev. T. R. Coulter, BSU director, East Mississippi Junior College; H. Z. Scarborough, Simpson Associational Sunday School superintendent.

October 15—Faye Cannon, Baptist Building; Allen Puckett, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.

October 16—Dr. I. M. Prince, Board of Ministerial Education; Mrs. W. A. Sullivan, Trustee, Mississippi College.

October 17—Rev. A. B. Pierce, Committee on Committees; Barney Whitfield, Trustee, William Carey College.

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Dr. Joseph Harkavy, of New York recently told a session of the World Congress of Cardiology that tobacco was the "most important" irritant causing allergic heart disease.

Moore And Sims To Lead Quitman Revival

The First Church, Quitman, W. L. Meadows, pastor, announces revival services for October 10-17.

Dr. Walter L. Moore, First Church, Meridian, will do the preaching. Song services will be conducted by Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary, department of Church Music, Nashville, Tenn. Services daily, 8 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

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Mrs. Agnes Ford Is New Press Representative

Mrs. Agnes G. Ford has been named press representative of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as announced this week by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer. She will work directly with J. M. Crowe, administrative assistant to Dr. Sullivan.

A native of Tennessee, Mrs. Ford attended George Peabody College for Teachers, majoring in English, and Belmont College, Nashville. She also has had special courses in newspaper writing and journalism at the University of Tennessee Extension School.

Mrs. Ford came to the Board in 1927 in the sales and advertising department, where she served until 1947 when she resigned. After the death of her husband in 1949, Mrs. Ford returned to the Board as sales promoter and advertising copywriter for Broadman books, and chairman of the Baptist Bulletin Service sales and promotion committee.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offg.
Trinity (Gulf Coast)	156	23.59
Madden	72	10.25
High Hill (Neshoba)	81	8.34
Carmel (Lauderdale)	73	9.55
Berea (Attala)	28	3.15
Jerusalem (Attala)	72	10.47
Ebenezer (Attala)	32	5.00
Center (Attala)	42	3.10
Everett Chapel (Bolivar)	75	3.00
Double Spgs. (Zion)	83	4.23
Providence (Attala)	50	10.00
Smithville (Monroe)	130	24.93
Zion Rest (Wayne)	94	11.45
Big Creek (Wayne)	109	
Center	42	3.10
Mt. Olive (Prentiss)	55	6.77
Osborn Creek (Prentiss)	42	4.09
Maple St. Mission (Attala)	54	

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According to a recent report from Dr. Porter Routh, executive Secretary, Executive committee of the SBC, Mississippi in September, 1964 gave \$32,136.87 to the Cooperative Program and \$2,560.89 to designated causes, making a total of \$34,697.76.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

for the Baptist Record.
WHO CALLS BUSINESS MEETINGS?

Question:

At a recent business meeting of our church an ignorant person moved that no one have the power to call a business meeting in the church except the chairman of the Board of Deacons. I thought the pastor was the executive officer of a Baptist church. The motion carried and that let the pastor out. Is this the way we work in a spiritual democracy?

Answer:

No, it is not! But do you think it is nice or Christian to label the misinformed person as "ignorant?"

There is just as much Scripture for a chairman's calling a business meeting as there is for "a board" of deacons. Deacons are not a ruling board in a New Testament church but a committee of "servers" who take orders from the church.

The pastor or the pastors are the overseers, directors, superintendents or shepherds of the church (translation of words for "pastor" or "bishop"). The church is the controlling body. It could authorize the chairman of the deacons, the Sunday school superintendent, or anyone else to have the power to call a business meeting. The better way, however, is to have regular business meetings, or to have meetings called only by advance notice given to all of the members. The pastor is the logical one to call special meetings. I have never seen a church prosper which did not honor and respect the pastoral office.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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Sunday School Lesson

By DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For October 10
GOD'S ANSWER TO JOB'S PERPLEXITY

Bible Text: Job 38-42.
I. GOD SPOKE TO JOB

There is no more important truth in all literature or in life than this: God has spoken. The book of Hebrews opens with the statement that God spoke through the prophets to the fathers of the contemporary Jewish race and that he had spoken also to the men of the writer's day in His Son.

God spoke to Adam in the dim beginnings of the history of our race, and He spoke to Enoch the righteous and to Noah at the dawn of the deluvian age. God spoke to Abram, a man whom God so changed for good that the name must be changed to Abraham, and Abraham understood the words of God's voice and shaped his life in accord with the word of God.

God spoke to Moses out of the midst of a bush that burned and was not consumed, out of a cloud that settled on the head of a mountain, and over and again as Moses led the chosen people on the long and tortuous journey from the land of bondage to the border of the Land of Promise.

God spoke to bold and rugged Elijah after the earthquake and the storm, and God's speech was in "a still, small voice."

God spoke concerning Jesus Christ His Son our Lord at His baptism (Matt. 3:17), and again on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:5), and yet again God spoke to His Son on the occasion of the visit of the Greeks to our Lord. (John 12:28.)

Over and again God has spoken, under one set of circumstances here, by another there. But the point is that God has spoken. Always He has spoken to men who have ears to hear, to those who have dulled their ears till they may not hear, there is befallen the fate expressed by the great agnostic, "We cry aloud and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry."

While hundreds of millions still bow down to idols of false Gods that, having eyes, see not, having ears, hear not, and having mouths, speak not nor can speak; we may know and have for our own a God who can and does both hear us and speak to us. Through His blessed word, through His providences, through the Spirit of Truth by whom God makes Himself known to us, through His church, the body of His risen Christ on earth, and through the thousand voices of His pulsing, living world.

II. THE ANSWER OF THE ALMIGHTY TO JOB

Job has been in controversy with his friends and none of them have "got anywhere". Now God takes part in the debate. There sat Job, perplexed, bewildered, discouraged, badgered and browbeaten by his friends, low in spirit and knowing a creeping despair that would not doubt the goodness of God, but would gladly contend for his own

well-being and passionately plead that his suffering was not just.

Then spoke God, "Gird up now thy loins like a man." Your part has not been especially heroic up to this point, and you have acted a bit like a spoiled child. Grapple with your condition like a brave soul, breast the blows of circumstance and hold the chin up like a man. Who told you that you must share the councils of the Almighty? Is God beholding to you? Must He budge when you scold? Must He bend and cringe under the scrutiny and testy humor of such a one as you? How do you compare with God as an actor in this drama of life, anyway?

Now hear Job say, "I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted. Who is this (Who am I) that hides counsel without knowledge. Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. I had heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees Thee; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Good for you, Job! You have come out where men who have your example before them should start in. Your God did not answer your questions. Had he done so, you might have had others even more foolish to ask Him. But you saw the point of completely trusting Him, and that is the real point. The man who has been wise enough to trust Him should learn the wisdom of trusting Him completely.

"I am going to ask you, and you will answer me. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me that, if you know anything about it. Do you know who surveyed the boundless spaces and established the boundaries of the universe? Did you carry the line when the boundaries were fixed and answered 'stuck' when the surveyor at the other end said 'stick'? Do you know what the foundations of the earth were laid upon and fastened to, or who was present at the ceremony when the corner stone was laid, when the morning stars peeled the cosmic chorus and the sons of God shouted for joy at the grand and awful spectacle?"

So God continued to speak to Job in language meant to draw for him the contrast between the unexpressible insignificance of man and the equally inexpressible greatness and glory of God. In words that have been the wonder of the ages for grandeur of expression and profundity and sublimity of thought, God calls to Job's attention the glories of creation. There is no comparison which could fittingly set forth the contrast between them and God. The glow-worm's glimmer to the light of the sun; the tomtit's modest twitter to the scream of the lordly eagle; the delicate stem of the columbine to the lordly cedar of Lebanon; the amoeba that wriggles in the water to the great sea monster—nay, these do not measure the distance that separates the puny might of man from the measureless might and power of God. All this Job's God undertook to impress upon His complaining servant. And Job saw, as any man of keen intelligence, nay,

Joins Blue Mtn. Faculty



BROOKS HAYNES

Blue Mountain College has secured Brooks Haynes, Jackson, Miss., as director of its music department. Mr. Haynes is a native of Mississippi and is a graduate of Millsaps College. For six years he was director of the Department of Music of Wood Junior College at Mathiston. He then entered the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, from which he secured the M. A. degree and was later a member of the faculty there. He is at present a candidate for the doctorate in music at Indiana State University and has completed his residence requirements for the degree.

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MOSELLE MEMORIAL TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING

Moselle Memorial Church in Jones county will observe Homecoming Day on October 10.

The morning speaker will be Alf Rose of Vicksburg. Mr. Rose is a layman—and a magician.

A basket lunch will be served at noon.

Rev. Elmer R. Nielson, pastor, Emmanuel Church, Hattiesburg, will be the afternoon speaker. Cecil Harper, First Church, Petal, will provide the special music.

Rev. H. L. Davis is the pastor.

as any man of any intelligence must, the immeasurable distance that separates man the creature from the perfect Creator.

III. JOB'S RESPONSE TO GOD

"Gird up now thy loins like a man", and look truth full in the face. You have said you wanted to stand before Me. "Have, then, thy wish! Listen to Me a few words, and then you will say your say."

There have been many men while the ages run to argue against God while He remained silent and unreplying. And because the infinite ignored the prattle, became bold to utter great swelling words of vanity. Could such a one realize the presence of the Almighty, be stood before Him and commanded, "Now say what you have already so often and glibly and profanely said. Let Me hear you repeat your arrogant and grandiloquent speech this once while you know that you were a fool not to know all along, that I am listening". How the glib tongue would cleave to the roof of the unclean, insolent mouth and how the coward cheeks would from their color fly, and the poor craven heart would pause midway in its leap for very fear!

Man Of Distinction

The incident below is offered to the liquor crowd in their effort to set forth the great blessings of liquor in making people "Men of Distinction." They present the bright side, but omit the other. We present the other.

According to the Clarion Ledger of Jackson "A Negro man was in a serious condition at the Baptist Hospital after being shot by a friend in a Monday afternoon drinking spree. One of the men told detectives that he and his friend were drinking and that they got into an argument (Liquor is no respecter of persons and will cause fights among the best of friends). One of the men tried to get the other to go away and stop his cursing, but he refused and pulled a knife. The other person ran to his house and returned with a 32 calibre revolver, shooting the friend one time in the chest."

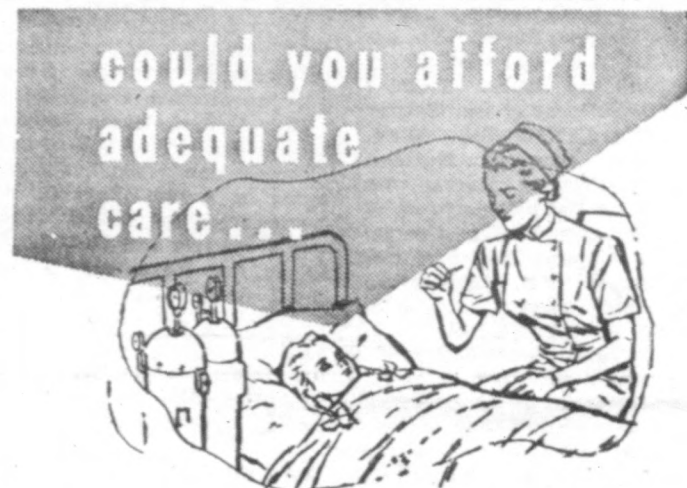
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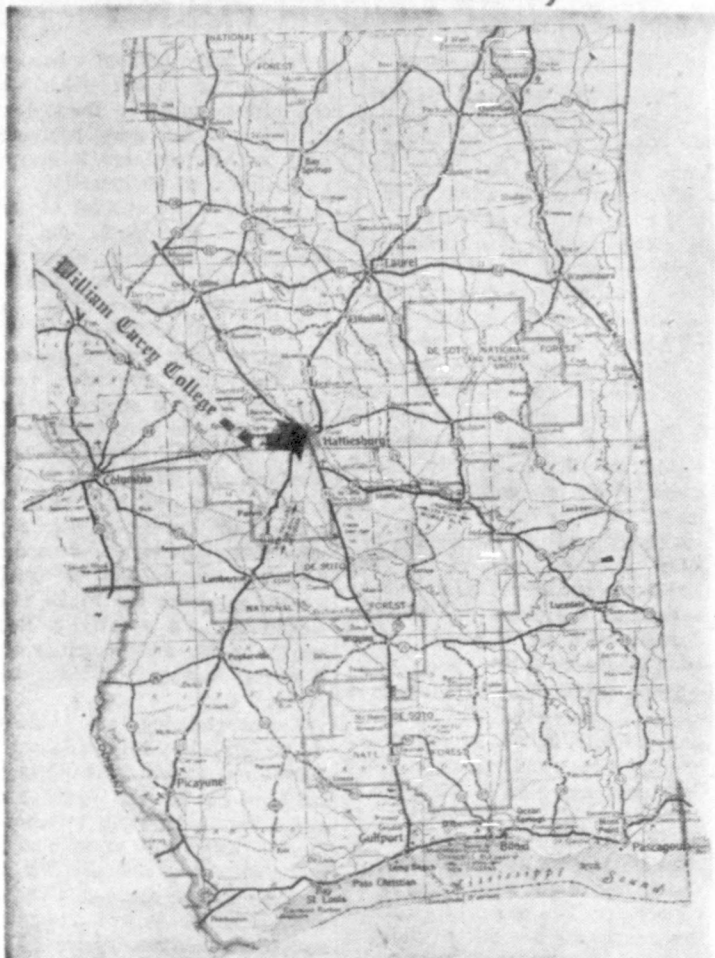
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Southeast Pastors' Conference To Meet With William Carey



Pastors from the above 18 counties will converge on Hattiesburg and William Carey College Monday, October 11. Approximately 300 pastors minister within the boundaries of the Southeast Pastors' Conference to about 350 churches.

The program has been designed to meet the professional needs of each pastor, as well as the fulfilling of his spiritual desires.

The program, scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock and to close at 12 o'clock, includes "Planning A

Church Calendar of Activities" by Rev. Wayne Hart, Leakesville; "Planning An Associational Calendar" by Rev. Lincoln Newman, Lucedale; and "The Doctrine of The Church" by Dr. W. L. Stagg, Jr., Moss Point. Rev. Bill Warren, Wiggins, will lead the scripture and prayer; the special music has been arranged by Rev. Ben Johnson, William Carey College.

The noon meal will be served in the dining hall at the college. Dr. Cecil W. Jones is President of the Conference.

DEATH NOTICE

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and scriptural holiness, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will-power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones, now absent from her presence, busy in the marts of trade and places of world amusement.

Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A post-mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with lack of fasting, faith, heartfelt religion, shameless desertion, and non-support, were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to tenderly bear her remains away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace," and "Rock of Ages," were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories, awaiting the summons from above.

In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights save on the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the men's handball team.—Selected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE October 3, 1954

Byram	209	166
Jackson, North Side	606	209
Corinth, Tate St.	301	105
Edwards	92	47
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1076	460
Meridian, 41st Ave.	446	158
Jackson, Hillcrest	193	143
Yazoo City, Calvary	157	196
Jackson, Calvary	1666	513
Main School	1604	482
Mission	62	31
Jackson, Parkway	1240	591
Jackson, Highland	129	71
White Rock Mission	15	
Jackson, Crestwood	647	435
Jackson, Ridgecrest	339	142
Jackson, Robinson St.	265	83
Elaine	167	112
Flowood	100	94
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	179	102
Jackson, First	1455	532
Jackson, Broadmoor	508	250
Jackson, West	358	176
Richland (Rankin)	213	92
Pearl (Rankin)	183	137
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	776	318
Jackson, Van Winkle	584	419
Van Winkle Mission	70	68
Crooked Creek (Lawrence)	114	95
Tupelo, Harrisburg	592	230
Brookhaven, Central	100	75
Newton, First	531	222
Purvis, First	281	88
Main School	262	
Mission	19	
Meridian, South Side	501	198
Houlka	126	86
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	136	128
Lucedale	386	183
Petal-Harvey	393	163
Main School	366	
Harvey	27	
Unity (Jackson)	113	100
Kosciusko, First	801	277
Main School	767	
Maple Mission	34	
Morton (Scott)	340	149
Main School	326	
Mission	14	
Friendship (Lincoln)	158	126
McComb, Friendship	236	84
Goss	132	73
Fellowship (Choctaw)	121	87
Crystal Springs, First	744	255
Brookhaven, First	821	274
Main Church	700	187
Southway	75	48
Halbert Heights	46	28
McComb, Locust St.	108	82
Columbia, First	741	276

Main Church	645	210
South Columbia Mission	96	66
Tutwiler	175	103
Longview (Oktibbeha)	114	106
New Albany, First	684	188
Mission	74	
Hattiesburg, Temple	616	211
Aberdeen, First	442	90
Grenada, Emmanuel	288	91
Main Church	259	
Futheyville Chapel	29	
Oxford, North	185	117
East View Mission	11	
Spanish Fort	64	58
Columbus, South Side	131	83
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	436	167
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	206	117
Gulfport, First	1018	365
Yazoo City, First	586	177
Hebron (Jones)	88	72
West Ellisville (Jones)	150	116
Clarksdale, Riverside	233	104
Laurel, Harmony	197	91
Gulfport, Calvary	67	62
Tupelo, East	323	213
Laurel, First	619	175
McComb, East	528	264
Laurel, Wildwood	219	92
Bethlehem (Jones)	147	127
Biloxi, Trinity	202	89
Hardy (Grenada)	110	106
Midway (Lauderdale)	158	103
Union, First	392	151
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	179	74
Pelahatchie	176	105
Sumrall	131	56
Fair River (Lincoln)	132	78
Grenada, First	759	168
Picayune, First	693	220
Marks, First	251	75
Clarksdale	442	155
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	502	140
Olive Branch	164	84
Natchez, Immanuel	315	202
Ruleville	322	129
Greenwood, Calvary	502	232
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	225	81
Darling	99	55
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	162	102
Canton, Center Terrace	348	187
East Corinth (Alcorn)	159	97
Arkabutla	82	36
Calhoun City, First	418	168
Charleston, First	391	154
Eupora, First	267	105
Crowder	189	141
Springfield (Scott)	133	73
Stonewall	238	171
Soso	158	76
Columbus, East End	265	106
Taylorville	198	120
Glenfield (Union)	82	107
West Point, Calvary	306	170

Oakland Grove (Jones)	103	108
Laurel, Highland	224	109
Columbus, First	1026	373
Long Beach, First	222	76
Macedonia (Lincoln)	218	163
New Sight (Lincoln)	149	93
Cleveland, Immanuel	142	96
Niland Chapel (Bolivar)	61	42
Wayside (Yalobusha)	47	
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	65	51
Hattiesburg, First	669	273
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	63	56
New Prospect (Lincoln)	142	106
Jackson, South Side	434	186
Hickory Flat	207	94
Kreole, First	112	61
Brownsville (Beulah)	103	95
Cleveland, First	486	137
Main School	448	
Chinese Mission	38	
Pascagoula, First	861	357
Main School	676	250
Jackson Ave. Chapel	66	38
McArthur Chapel	47	32
Orange Grove Chapel	72	37

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Wayside (Yalobusha)	41	...
Long Beach	255	85
West Point, Calvary	255	154
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes)	81	57
Columbus, South Side	153	82
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	79	96
Glenfield (Union)	103	73
Olive Branch	165	83
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	202	111
Picayune, First	689	226
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	130	156
McComb, Friendship	194	84
Sumrall	129	47
Corinth, Tate Street	311	96
Whitesand (Jeff Davis)	165	163
Gulfport, New Hope	162	96
Aberdeen, First	393	131
Lucedale	355	185
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	169	73
Biloxi, East Howard	162	89
Richland (Rankin)	179	75
Charleston, First	401	141
Macedonia (Lincoln)	235	125

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How To Distinguish Between New Testament Essentials And Baptist Customs And Traditions

By DR. H. H. HOBBS, Pastor
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It is a dangerous thing to meddle with tradition. Jesus was crucified for so doing. The Roman Catholic openly admits that his religious faith is based upon the Scriptures and tradition—and that to him tradition is more sacred. Many Baptists, without admitting it, follow the same course. It is well that we distinguish between that which is essentially New Testament teaching and that which is custom or tradition.

Tradition may be either good or bad. The word is used in both senses in the New Testament (cf. Matt. 15:2ff; Gal. 1:14; ol. 2:8; Thess. 2:15, 3:6). It may be based upon scriptural authority or it may not be. A tradition or custom is not true because it is old, neither is it false because it is of recent origin.

For the Baptist there is but one question—"What saith the scriptures?" No one has ever stated it better than Dr. B. H. Carroll when in effect he said that the New Testament is all the law of Christianity; all the New Testament always will be all the law of Christianity. Thus for the Baptist the New Testament is our sufficient rule of faith and practice. In that light we would suggest two simple rules by which to distinguish between New Testament essentials and Baptist customs and traditions.

In the first place, does the New Testament teach it? For example, take the office of deacon. In our modern churches the board of deacons is an authoritative body looked upon as such by the local church, many pastors, and especially themselves. But "what saith the scriptures?" The office of deacon is set forth, though not named, in Acts 6. Here it is simply a position of service in assisting the apostles. When the office is named (Phil. 1:1) the term chosen is that of a servant. Furthermore, when the qualifications for the office are set forth I Tim. 3) nothing is said about authority. Indeed an examination of I Tim. 3:4f. and verse 12 will reveal that the responsibility for the welfare of the church rests not upon the deacon but upon the pastor as overseer (bishop). The deacon is the helper not the director. Here tradition is definitely out of line with the New Testament teaching.

In the second place, does all the New Testament teach it? Baptists have often utilized this principle in answering those who do not agree with us on matters of doctrine. Why not try it on ourselves?

At the risk of being tarred and feathered—take an example. The traditional position (some say that it goes back only to the J. R. Graves period) on baptism is a case in point. We may classify our belief as to the form and meaning of baptism as a traditional belief in the good sense of the word—based securely upon the teachings of the New Testament. But for some there is an Achilles heel when we cross over into the realm of authority. The usual order is proper subject, proper mode, proper administrator and proper authority, the last referring to a New Testa-

ment church. The first three will, we believe, withstand the scrutiny of the Scripture. But what about the words proper authority? I realize that I am treading on sacred soil for all Baptists. But—"what saith the scriptures?" An examination of Acts 8 and 10 will reveal that both Philip and Peter baptized without the candidates having been approved by a local church. If we contend, as some do, that the Jerusalem church had authorized them to baptize whomsoever they should win—the New Testament fails to record it. Some insist that the Jerusalem church reviewed Acts 8:14ff.; 11:1-18) the baptisms in question, but it seems clear that the issue under review was not baptism but whether or not a Gentile could be saved without first becoming a Jewish proselyte. (Before some Baptist brother heats up his tar let me hasten to say that I have never baptized anyone who had not first been approved for baptism by the local church; nor do I accept alien immersion.) But—we should recognize that this position regarding authority is tradition that trembles in the face of these scriptural references.

A good practice for all Baptists would be to follow the example of the Bereans who when they heard even the apostle Paul "received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11).

Abraham Lincoln vs. Pope Pius IX

BY EMMETT McLOUGHLIN

(Editor's Note: Mr. McLoughlin, author of People's Padre, was for 14 years a Franciscan priest at St. Mary's church, Phoenix, Arizona, and is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix.)

Most Americans don't stop to realize that Abraham Lincoln and the reactionary Pope Pius IX were contemporaries and opponents in the great battle for the freedom of men's minds and the freedom of their governments.

Abraham Lincoln stood as the spokesman of the free world. Our pictures of him splitting rails, studying by candlelight, campaigning in frontier towns, and fighting to save the Union are the pictures of an American giant snapping the stultifying fetters of thought control and church control of government.

No one can stand at the foot of his statue in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and fail to feel his spirit and hear the echo of his words at Gettysburg "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

We can remember also his warning: "What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands everywhere."

During all the years that Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States, Pius IX was Pope

Roby To Kentucky



REV. BILL ROBY

On Sept. 5, Rev. Billy E. Roby resigned his duties at the Farmhaven Church in Madison county to become effective Sept. 26. He has been called to the First Church, Loyall, Ky.

During his stay at Farmhaven, there were 51 additions, by profession of Faith, 23 additions by letter, plus eight of the young people giving themselves to full-time Christian service.

In the four years that he has served as pastor the church has become a four-star church. A bus has been added. The church has been remodeled throughout with the addition of new pews, a kitchen, and several Sunday School rooms have been built, a carpet, a baptistry scene, and an office for the pastor. The church is now full-time and a new pastor's home

of Rome and the leader of Roman Catholicism. He tried to destroy what Lincoln and the young republic were building. In his "Syllabus of Errors" he formally condemned the basic American principle of Separation of Church and State.

In 1864, during our Civil War, the Pope repudiated for all Roman Catholics Lincoln's Gettysburg address by denying that government is "of the people" and stating that it comes only through the Catholic church which has power "not only over all individual men, but also over nations, peoples and their rulers." (Ency. "QUANTA CURA," Dec. 8, 1864.)

What a difficult choice of loyalty faces a thinking American Catholic. He must embrace the ideals of Abraham Lincoln or of Pope Pius IX. He can't take both. They are contradictory.

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Rev. Henry K. Neal, former pastor at Ruth, has accepted the Pine Ridge Church, Brunswick, Ga. During his 16 months at Ruth there were 20 baptisms, and the church debt of \$2500 was cleared.

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The excessive use of alcohol appears to be a multiplying factor in the risk of cancer, Dr. Sully Charles Marcel Ledermann, chief of the section of economic studies of the French National Institute of Demographic Study, recently told the United Nations conference on population at Rome, Italy.

HOW TO EXPAND AS A DENOMINATION WITHOUT BEING UNDEMOCRATIC IN POLICY

By DR. LEON MACON

Editor, The Alabama Baptist

Southern Baptists must continue to expand or they will enter a state of atrophy. Baptists, as a body, constitute a thing alive. It is a characteristic of life that if it is not growing it is retarding. We can't arrest life, it either remains young and advancing, or becomes old and decays. Life simply cannot be frozen into formulas and creeds to be used at our convenience. For this reason we greatly applaud our promotional forces on the convention-wide and state-wide levels for the leadership given whereby we are constantly challenged to go forward. Without these challenging efforts we would possibly enter a period of old age and begin to die out as a denomination. As a growing and effective denomination we simply must continue to advance.

There is an attending danger in every organization of personalities, namely, a loss of our democratic processes. The policy of any body can come to mean only its constitution and organization and thus we would result in a vast institution without the vigors of life. The polity of our democracy must be preserved in our future march. We can avoid becoming undemocratic in our polity by constantly stressing our distinctives and message. In other words, we must keep our doctrines before us for herein our truth is preserved and our tenets and practices will remain free. People are flocking to us for we have certainty with freedom. We have something to believe without being bound into a totalitarian system. We must keep on expanding our program, but not neglect the scriptural teachings which inspire and create a great regard for individuality. We can keep our people informed and urge our pastors to take time to indoctrinate our people. Our program of instruction should be as strong for all of our distinctive beliefs as it is, say, in stewardship and missions.

We feel that the main threat to our democratic processes is not found in individual attitudes but found in the largeness of our size. We have grown so large in numbers that it is hard for deliberate actions to be held at our conventions. As a deliberative body becomes bigger it is guided more by its emotions than by its sense. We feel that our greatest danger lurks in our bigness and not in our purposes at all.

There are ways by which we can continue to expand as a great

religious body without becoming undemocratic in our polity. Our committees could be made larger in order to be more representative, but not too large to carry on a business of deliberation. Our leaders must be careful to solicit the will of the people and invite constructive criticism about the things involved. Self-examination is often embarrassing but very essential to well-being. When we resent criticism we are afraid we are wrong. Baptists must criticize Baptists or the world will. If we do not criticize ourselves we will become set in the opinions and plans of a few. We must develop new and fresh leadership from the ranks. Strong personalities, however, democratic they are, are subject to egotism. New blood from the ranks of our people will aid greatly in guarding the rights and doctrines of all Baptists, thus preserving democracy.

The overlapping of leadership on boards should be avoided for this is not essential at all in that we have many able Baptists who are never heard from who can do the job just about as well as it is being done by others. Foolish leadership must be avoided. Our leaders should be great Democrats and cosmopolitans. Above all let us not despise debate for there is no democracy without it. Debate is a mark of democracy preserved.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:

Franklin Owen, Calvary, Lexington, Tennessee, from First, Gainesville, Georgia.

Dillard A. West, Audubon, Henderson, Kentucky from Army Chaplaincy.

Ralph W. Powell, First, Union, Missouri, from Buckhead Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Charles A. Whaley, First, Gainesville, Missouri, from Wellsville, Missouri.

C. Eugene Whitlow, First, Seagrave, Texas, from North Cleburne, Texas.

James Hampton, Caverns Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

C. C. Parker, Ebenezer, Route 2, Landrum, S. C., from Blue Ridge Association, North Carolina.

L. D. Ball, Secretary of Evangelism, New Mexico, from pastor, First, Lamesa, Texas.

Sam Reeves, Emmanuel, Alexandria, Louisiana, from El Dorado, Arkansas.

